

Town of Oak Creek Recreation Master Plan



“Outdoor recreation is a cornerstone of the Oak Creek lifestyle. Winter and summer recreational activities abound, with access to the Routt and White River National Forests, the Sarvis Creek and Flattop Wilderness areas, Stagecoach Reservoir State Park, and other public lands in close proximity. Oak Creek is also fortunate to have a beautiful town park, an ice skating and hockey facility and several other local recreational amenities within town.”

2010 Oak Creek Comprehensive Plan

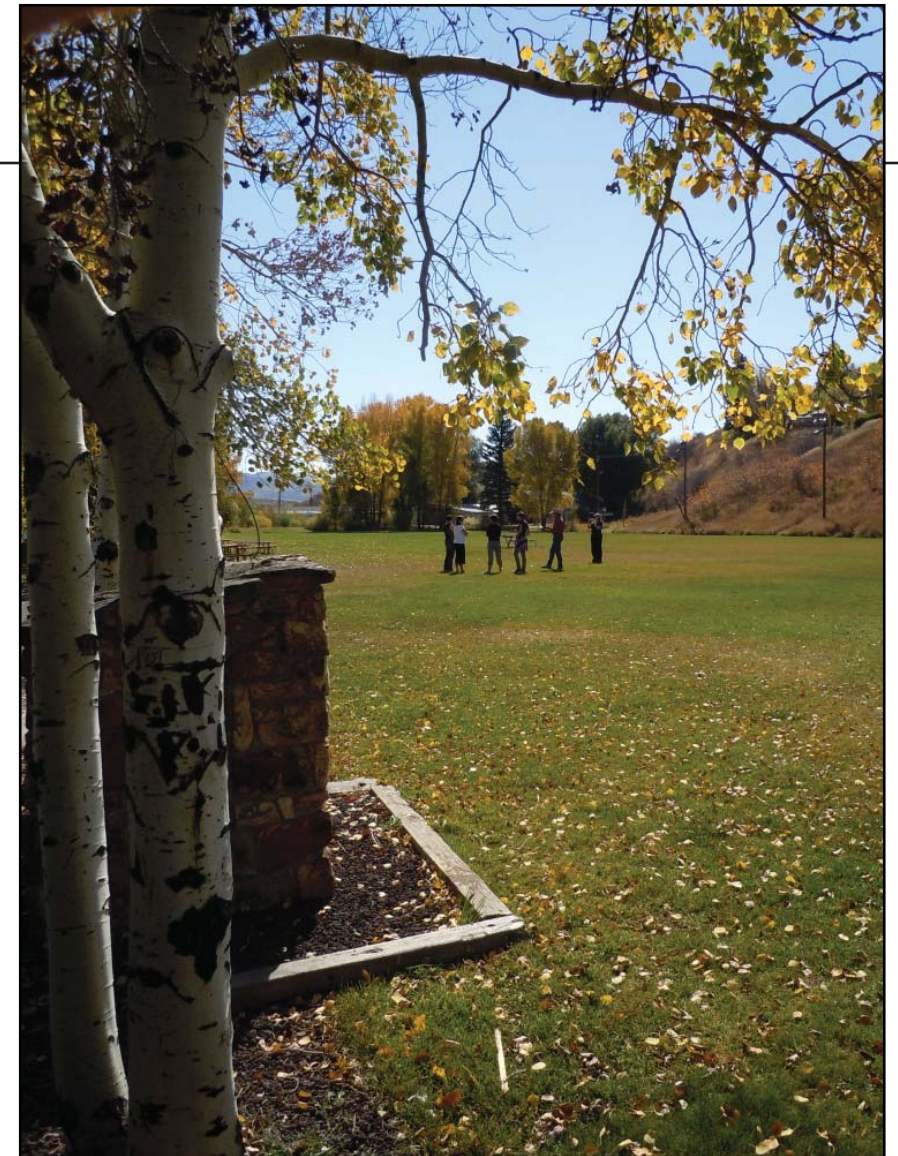
Introduction

The Town of Oak Creek has exceptional access to recreational opportunities. Nevertheless, the 2010 Comprehensive plan asked that the town “prepare, adopt and annually update a Capital Improvement Program that will prioritize park and trail improvements, and adequately maintain the park system.” This recreation master plan builds upon the recommendations set forth in the comprehensive plan in order to inform the Capital Improvement Program.

In preparing this Master Plan we have incorporated community input and information obtained during site visits. This document attempts to make the highest and best use of existing public lands, right-of-ways and community facilities in order to improve access to recreation within the town and encourage healthy living. While the document lists certain maintenance issues that we feel should be addressed, its broader goal is to connect existing facilities to one another via a system of trails and on-street pedestrian connections. Doing so will encourage residents to walk throughout town providing the health benefits of exercise, and opportunities for community interaction.

Conversations with Town Council and the Recreation Focus Group indicated that two of the town’s highest priorities in terms of recreation planning include the creation of a new park on the site of the town’s former sewage ponds and improving the creekside area of Decker Park. Conceptual plans for these two project have been included in this document.

Implementation of this plan and the policy guidelines included in the recreation section of the Comprehensive Plan will go a long way in maintaining and improving the exceptional recreation opportunities and quality of life that Oak Creek has to offer.



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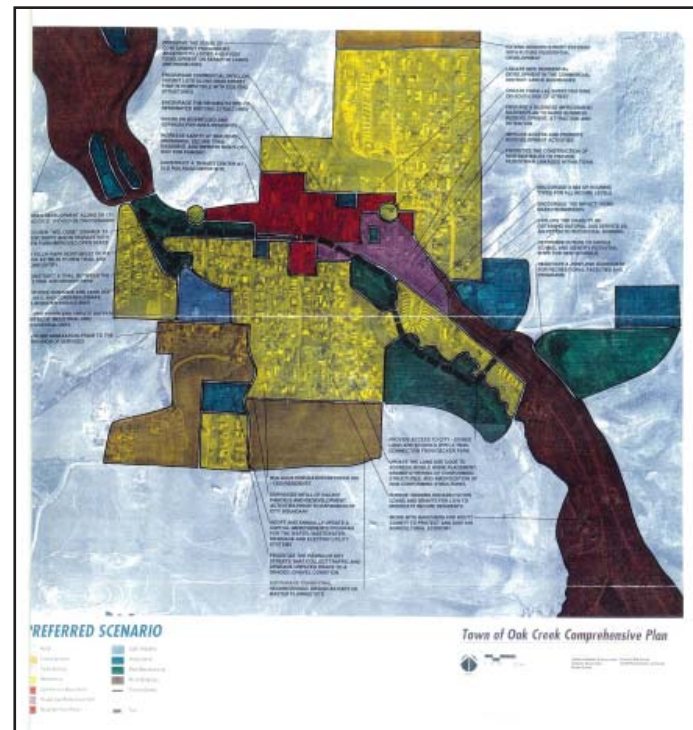
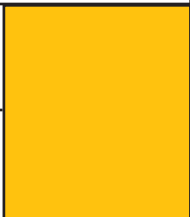
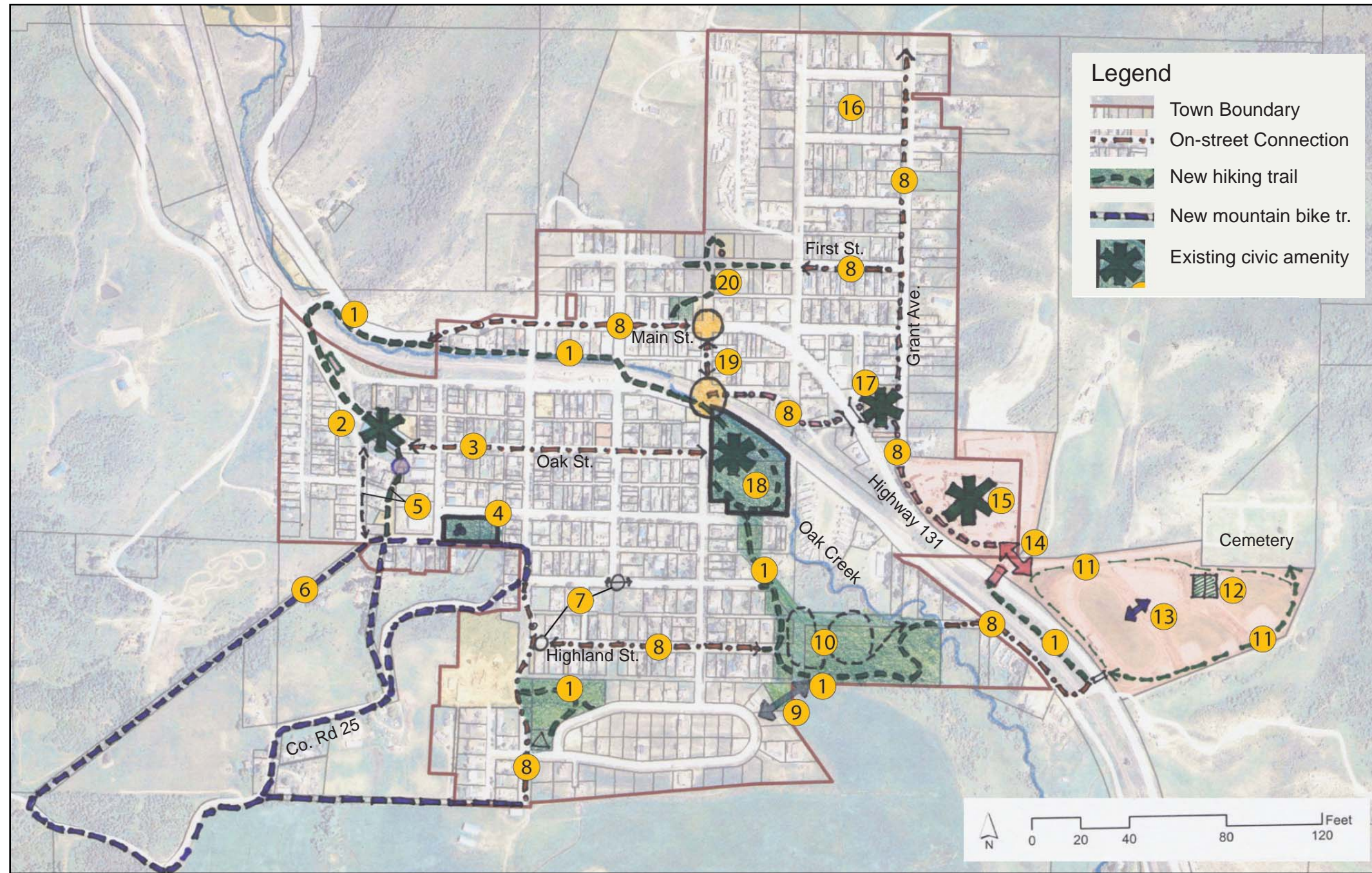


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Recreation Master Plan - Action Items

1. Construct new walking/hiking trail.
2. Hockey Arena: Explore options for summer use, for example a portable skateboard park and/or farmers market space. Construct a storage facility for equipment.
3. Improve Oak Street (paving, sidewalks, etc.) to enhance pedestrian connectivity between Decker Park and the Hockey Arena.
4. Create new park from existing sewage ponds. See conceptual plan on page 3
5. Create walking trail between new park and hockey arena. The best route on city owned property, would require the acquisition of an easement just south of the arena. Alternate on-street route is on Grandview Ave.
6. Create mountain bike course on abandoned railroad grade, road side right-of-way and city property – connect course to new park.
7. Improve pedestrian connections between Highland Street and S. Bell Ave. and between Virginia St. and S. Sharp Ave.
8. On-street pedestrian connection
9. Investigate possible trail easements to connect Oak Creek trails to new residential development.
10. Garden St. Parcel: potential site of sledding hill and campground
11. Potential walking/cross-country ski loop on high school property; connect to historic cemetery.
12. Repave existing tennis courts and fix fence footings as necessary
13. Create stairway from parking lot to football field
14. Create safer walking routes between Middle/High school and playing fields and improve pedestrian crossing at Highway 131
15. Work with high school to create a community exercise center
16. Acquire a parcel in the northern section of town for a playground
17. Create a safe pedestrian route around the community center, under the highway 131 bridge and along E. Colfax Street.
18. Decker Park: See Page 4 for improvement options.
19. Enhance pedestrian experience between Main Street and Decker Park
20. Construct an interpretive trail from Bucket park to a new town overlook at the historic “noon whistle.” Connect trail to 1st. St. on either side.



Pump Track



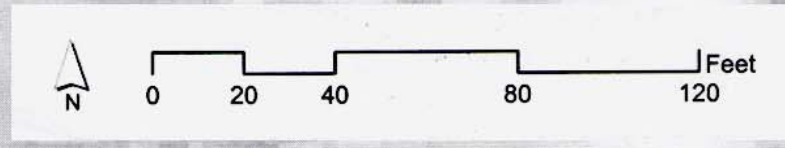
Open Meadow for potential storm water retention



Park Bench

Walking Trails

Park size is approximately 300' x 130' or about 0.9 acres



Picnic Shelter



Bouldering Area

Plan Concept for Former Sewage Ponds



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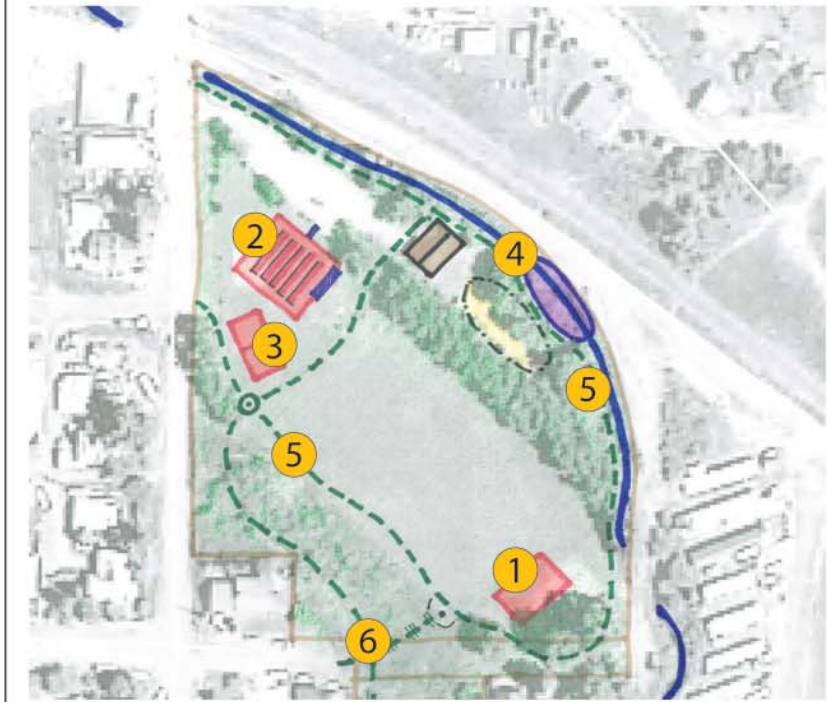
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Deckers Park - Option 1



Deckers Park - Option 2



Deckers Park - Option 3

Action Items

1. Refinish basketball court and horseshoe pits
2. Create walking path around park
3. Landscaping at Oak Creek near playground: See page 5
4. Connect Decker Park to future open space

Action Items

1. Construct new high school regulation basketball court
2. Construct new regulation horseshoe pits
3. Stripe field for soccer games; create terraces in hillside for watching games
4. Landscaping at Oak Creek near playground see page 5.
5. Create walking path around park
6. Connect Decker Park to future open space

Action Items

1. Refinish basketball court
2. Create horseshoe tournament space
3. Relocate sand volleyball court
4. Landscaping at Oak Creek near playground: See page 5
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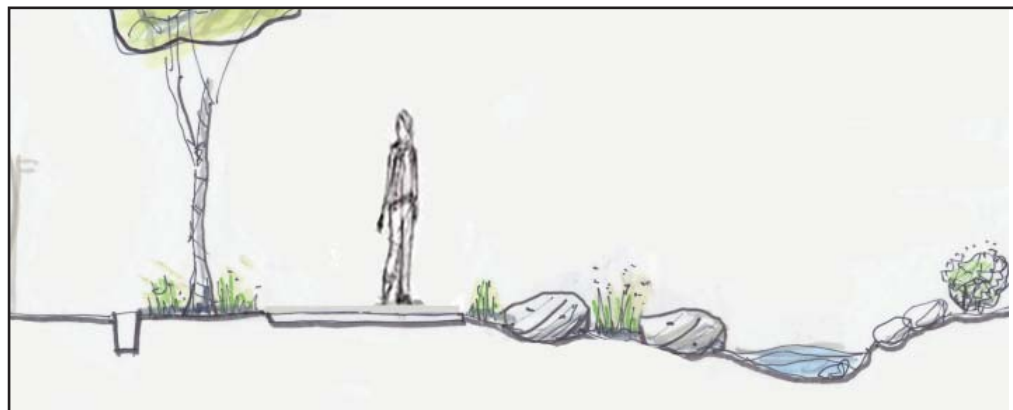
Existing conditions



Example of simple rock dam for pond creation



Conceptual rendering of proposed changes near existing play area


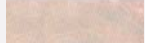
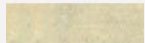

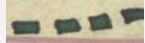



Section of proposed changes at creek





Legend

-  Town Boundary
-  SOROCO School District property
-  City Owned Property
-  New mountain bike trail
-  New hiking trail
-  On-street Connection

